

REMARKS

Claims 2-3, 5-8 and 15-20 are pending. Allowable claims 5-7 have been written in independent form and the remaining pending claims have been amended to ultimately depend from claims 5-7. The support for the amendments to the claims are as follows: Claims 2 and 3: (dependency); Claims 5-7: (independent form); Claims 8 and 15: (claim 2); and claims 16 and 17: (claims 2 and 3). No new matter has been added.

The applicants appreciate the Examiner indicating that claims 5-7 and 12-20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form on p.3 of the Office Action.

Claims 1-4, & 8-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Parsons 5,348,297 (newly cited) in view of Martin. (Office Action, Pages 2)

Allowable claims 5-7 have been written in independent form and all dependent claims depend ultimately therefrom making this rejection now moot.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1105.

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Respectfully submitted,

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